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FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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WORKING GROUP TO STUDY TAX STRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received report from working group set up to study the complex tax structure and the multifarious State policies confronting the alcoholic beverages industry;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the working group;

(c) the reaction of the Government on the recommendations; and

(d) if not, the time by which group is expected to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE. N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The Joint Working Group set up for rationalisation oftaxation structure and developing a comprehensive model national policy regarding excise duty on alcoholic beverages has not yet submitted its final report. However, it has since submitted a report concerning customs duty on imported alcoholic beverages.
(b) In the above mentioned report, the Joint Working Group hasrecommended modifications in the slabs as well as rates of additional customs duty applicable to imported alcoholic beverages.
(c)&(d)The work is of complex and comprehensive nature, requiring consensus among the Ministries of the Government of India and State Governments. It is,therefore, difficult at this stage to indicate a time limit for the Group to submit its final report and that for the Government to take a view on the recommendations therein.